2003-2004 School Year
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
We Help Put America Through School

OMB No. 1845-0001

Do not send in this application before January 1, 2003.



Use this **Renewal FAFSA** to apply for federal and state grants, workstudy, and loans. Because the Renewal FAFSA contains preprinted information that you reported to us for the 2002-2003 school year, it is faster and easier for you to use than the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA).

If you are filing a **2002 income tax return**, we recommend that you complete it before filling out this form. However, you do not need to file your income tax return with the IRS before you submit this form.

If you or your family has **unusual circumstances not shown on this form** (such as loss of employment) that might affect your need for financial aid, submit this form and then consult with the financial aid office at the college you plan to attend.

You may also use this form to apply for **aid from other sources, such as your state or college**. The deadlines for states (see page 2) or colleges may be as early as January 2003 and may differ.



Review your answers from last year. Enter new or updated information if your previous answer has changed or was incorrect. If your answer from last year that is printed on the application is still correct, you do not need to write anything for that question. Refer to the notes in this booklet as necessary.

Some questions, such as information about your year 2002 income, may not have your last year's information printed in them. For these questions, which have arrows by them, you **must** give us new information.



After you complete this application, make a copy of it for your records. Then mail the original form and return postcard in the enclosed envelope or to the address printed on the application.

You should submit your application as early as possible, but no earlier than January 1, 2003. **We must receive your application no later than June 30, 2004.** Your college must have your correct, complete information by your last day of enrollment in the 2003-2004 school year.

You should receive a *Student Aid Report* (SAR) in the mail within four weeks. If you do not, please check on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 1-800-433-3243. If you would like to receive your SAR electronically please provide your email address in question 99. You will receive your SAR electronically within a few days after we process your application. Your e-mail address will be shared with the schools you list on your application, so that you can receive correspondence from them as well.

Want more information?

If you have questions about this application, or for more information on eligibility requirements and the U.S. Department of Education's student aid programs, look on the Internet at www.studentaid.ed.gov

You can also call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) . TTY users may call 1-800-730-8913.

Deadline Dates for State Student Aid.

Generally, state aid comes from your state of legal residence. You may be required to fill out additional forms. Check with your financial aid administrator at your college about state and college sources of student financial aid. State deadlines are below.

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AR April 1, 2003 (date received) AZ June 30, 2004 (date received) *^ CA For initial awards - March 2, 2003 For community college awards -September 2, 2003 (date postmarked) * DC June 28, 2003 (date received by state) DE April 15, 2003 (date received) May 15, 2003 (date processed) July 1, 2003 (date received) # IL First-time applicants - September 30, 2003 Continuing applicants - August 15, 2003 (date received) ΙN March 10, 2003 (date received) #*KS April 1, 2003 (date received) # KY March 15, 2003 (date received) #^LA May 1, 2003 Final deadline - July 1, 2003 (date received) #^MA May 1, 2003 (date received) MD March 1, 2003 (date postmarked) ME May 1, 2003 (date received) High school seniors - February 21, 2003 College students - March 21, 2003 (date received) MN June 30, 2004 (date received) MO April 1, 2003 (date received)

MT March 1, 2003 (date postmarked)

NC March 15, 2003 (date received)

ND April 15, 2003 (date processed) NH May 1, 2003 (date received)

Grant in 2002-2003 All other applicants - October 1, 2003, for fall and spring terms - March 1, 2004, for spring term only (date received) *^ NY May 1, 2004 (date postmarked) OH October 1, 2003 (date received) # OK April 30, 2003 Final deadline - June 30, 2003 (date received) # OR March 1, 2003 (date received) * PA All 2002-2003 State Grant recipients and all non-2002-2003 State Grant recipients in degree programs - May 1, 2003 All other applicants - August 1, 2003 (date received) PR May 2, 2004 (date application signed) # RI March 1, 2003 (date received)

June 1, 2003 if you received a Tuition Aid

Check with your financial aid administrator for these

June 30, 2003 (date received)

TN May 1, 2003 (date processed)

*^ WV March 1, 2003 (date received)

states: AK, AL, *AS, *CT, CO, *FM, GA, *GU, HI, ID, *MH, *MP, MS, *NE, *NM, *NV, *PW, *SD, *TX, UT, *VA, *VI, *VT, WA, WI, and *WY.

[#] For priority consideration, submit application by date specified.

[^] Applicants encouraged to obtain proof of mailing.

^{*} Additional form may be required.

Renewal FAFSA on the Web

You can submit your 2003-2004 Renewal FAFSA over the Internet. To start:

Know your PIN

To file your Renewal FAFSA on the Web, you will need a special code called a PIN, which we mailed to you when you applied last year. If you don't have your PIN, you can request another copy by going to www.pin.ed.gov and selecting the link "Request a PIN be mailed to me."

2. Access Your Information

With your PIN, you can electronically access your information at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Processing is free, secure, and generally completed 7-14 days faster than if you filled out and mailed a paper application. You should file as soon as possible but **not before January 2, 2003.**

Step One

You (the Student)

13-14. Are you a U.S. citizen?/Alien Registration Number

Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if you are: (1) a U.S. permanent resident and you have an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-551); (2) a conditional permanent resident (I-551C); or (3) an other eligible noncitizen with an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service showing any one of the following designations: "Refugee," "Asylum Granted," "Indefinite Parole," "Humanitarian Parole," or "Cuban-Haitian Entrant."

- **15.** What is your marital status as of today?
- **16.** What is the month and year you were married, separated, divorced, or widowed?
- **17-21.** For each question, please mark whether you will be full time, 3/4 time, half time, less than half time, or not attending.

For undergraduates, full time generally means taking at least 12 credit hours in a term or 24 clock hours per week. 3/4 time generally means taking at least 9 credit hours in a term or 18 clock hours per week. Half time generally means taking at least 6 credit hours in a term or 12 clock hours per week.

- **22.** What is the highest school your father completed?
- **23.** What is the highest school your mother completed?

29. What degree or certificate will you be working on during 2003-2004?

Enter 1 for 1st bachelor's degree

Enter 2 for 2nd bachelor's degree

Enter **3** for associate degree (occupational or technical program)

Enter **4** for associate degree (general education or transfer program)

Enter 5 for certificate or diploma for completing an occupational, technical, or educational program of less than two years

Enter 6 for certificate or diploma for completing an occupational, technical, educational program of at least two years

Enter 7 for teaching credential program (nondegree program)

Enter **8** for graduate or professional degree

Enter 9 for other/undecided

Step One, continued...

- **30.** What will be your grade level when you begin the 2003-04 school year?
- **31.** Will you have a high school diploma or GED before you enroll?
- **32.** Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2003?
- In addition to grants, are you interested in student loans (which you must pay back)?
- In addition to grants, are you interested in "work-study" (which you earn through work)?

35. Do not leave Question 35 blank.

Question 35 asks whether you have a drug-related conviction that affects your eligibility for federal student financial aid.

Have you ever been convicted of any drug offense? **If "No,"** enter "1" in the box and go to question 36. If "Yes," you must complete the enclosed worksheet. If a worksheet is not enclosed you must call 1-800-433-3243 or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov/q35 to find out how to fill out this question. You may still be eligible for student aid, even with a drug-related conviction.

Note: On your Renewal FAFSA, this question may appear out of order at the bottom of the first page, between questions 16 and 17.

Step Two Student (and Spouse) Income and Assets

- **36.** For 2002, have you (the student) completed your income tax return?
- What income tax return did you file or will you file for 2002?

If you filed or will file a foreign tax return, or a tax return with Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau, use the information from that return to fill out this form. If you filed a foreign return, convert all figures to U.S. dollars, using the exchange rate that is in effect today.

38. If you have filed or will file a 1040, were you eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?

In general, you are eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if you make less than \$50,000, do not itemize deductions, do not receive income from your own business or farm, and do not receive alimony. You are not eligible if you itemize deductions, receive self-employment income or alimony, or are required to file Schedule D for capital gains. If you filed a 1040 only to claim Hope or Lifetime Learning credits, and you would have otherwise been eligible for a 1040A o 1040EZ, you should answer "yes" to this question.

What was your (and your spouse's) adjusted gross income for 2002?

Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040–line 35; 1040A–line 21; 1040EZ–line 4; or Telefile–line I.

40. Enter the total amount of your (and your spouse's) income tax for 2002. Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040–line 55; 1040A–line 36; 1040EZ–line 10; or Telefile–line K(2).

Step Two, continued...

41. Enter your (and your spouse's) exemptions for 2002.

Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040-line 6d or on 1040A-line 6d.

For Form 1040EZ, if you answered "Yes" on line 5, use EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,000 equals one exemption). If you answered "No" on line 5, enter 01 if you are single or 02 if you are married.

For Telefilers, use line J(2) to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,000 equals one exemption).

42-43. How much did you (and your spouse) earn from working in 2002? Answer this question whether or not you filed a tax return.

This information may be on your W-2 forms, or on IRS Form 1040–lines 7 + 12 + 18; on 1040A–line 7; or on 1040EZ–line 1. Telefilers should use their W-2s.

- **44-46.** Go to pages 6 and 7 of this booklet. Turn the booklet sideways and enter all of the items that apply to you (and your spouse) in the column **on the left.** Enter the totals in questions 44, 45, and 46. Even though you may have few of these items, check each line carefully.
- 47-48. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and your spouse's) current investments (47) and businesses and/or investment farms (48)? Do not include a farm that you live on and operate.

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

Investments include real estate (do not include the home you live in), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, education IRAs, college savings plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment value includes the market value of these investments as of today. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Investments do not include the home you live in, cash, savings, checking accounts, the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or the value of prepaid tuition plans.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

- As of today, what is your (and your spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts? Do not include student financial aid.
- 50. If you receive veterans' education benefits, for how many months from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 will you receive these benefits? Do not include your spouse's veterans education benefits.
- **51.** What amount of veterans' education benefits do you receive per month?

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Question 44 Student/Spouse	Worksheets for Calendar Year 2002 Worksheet A	Question 78 Parent(s)
\$	Earned income credit from IRS Form 1040–line 64; 1040A–line 41; 1040EZ–line 8; or Telefile–line L(2)	\$
\$	Additional child tax credit from IRS Form 1040–line 63 or 1040A–line 40	\$
\$	Welfare benefits, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Don't include food stamps or subsidized housing.	\$
\$	Social Security benefits received that were not taxed (such as SSI)	\$
\$	Student (and spouse) Total Parent(s) Total (Enter this amount in question 44.) (Enter this amount in question 78.)	\$
Question 45 Student/Spouse	Worksheet B	Question 79 Parent(s)
\$	Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings), including amounts reported on the W-2 Form in Box 12, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S	\$
\$	IRA deductions and payments to self-employed SEP, SIMPLE, and Keogh and other qualified plans from IRS Form 1040 –total of lines $24+31$ or 1040 A–line 17	s
\$	Child support received for all children. Don't include foster care or adoption payments.	\$
\$	Tax exempt interest income from IRS Form 1040–line 8b or 1040A–line 8b	\$
\$	Foreign income exclusion from IRS Form 2555–line 43 or 2555EZ–line 18	\$
\$	Untaxed portions of IRA distributions from IRS Form 1040–(line 15a minus 15b) or 1040A–(line 11a minus 11b). Exclude rollovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	\$
\$	Untaxed portions of pensions from IRS Form 1040–lines (16a minus 16b) or 1040A–lines (12a minus 12b). Exclude rollerovers. If negative, enter a zero here.	\$
\$	Credit for federal tax on special fuels from IRS Form 4136–Line 9 – nonfarmers only	\$
\$ \$ \$ \$	Housing, food, and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, and others (including cash payments and cash value of benefits), reported onthe W-2 Formin Box 12 code Q Veterans' noneducation benefits, such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and/or VA Educational Work-Study allowances Any other untaxed income and benefits, such as worker's compensation, untaxed portions of railroad retirement benefits, Black Lung Benefits, Refugee Assistance, etc. Don't include student aid, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, or benefits from flexible spending arrangements, e.g., cafeteria plans. Cash received, or any money paid on your behalf, not reported elsewhere on this form Student (and spouse) Total (Enter this amount in question 45.)	\$ \$ \$ XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Question 46 Student/Spouse	Worksheet C	Question 80 Parent(s)
Stadeliaopouse	Education credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning tax credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 48 or 1040A-line	. aront(s)
\$	31	\$
\$	Child support paid because of divorce or separation or as a result of a legal requirement. Do not include support for children in your (or your parents') household, as reported in question 85 (or question 65 for your parents).	\$
\$	Taxable earnings from need-based programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships	\$
	Student grant scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your (or your parents') adjusted gross income	

\$	Student (and spouse) Total (Enter this amount in question 45.)	Parent(s) Total (Enter this amount in question 79.)	\$
Question 46 Student/Spouse	Work	sheet C	Question 80 Parent(s)
\$	Education credits (Hope and Lifetime Learning tax 31	credits) from IRS Form 1040-line 48 or 1040A-line	\$
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\$	Taxable earnings from need-based programs, such as Federal Work-Study and need-based employment portions of fellowships and assistantships		\$
\$	Student grant, scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your (or your parents') adjusted gross income. Includes AmeriCorps benefits (awards, living allowances, and intrest accrual payments), as well as grant or scholarship portions of fellowships and assistantships.		\$
\$	Student (and spouse) Total (Enter this amount in question 46.)	Parent(s) Total (Enter this amount in question 80.)	\$

Step Three

Student Status

- Will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, or PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.) during the school year 2003-2004?
- As of today, are you married? Answer "Yes," if you are separated but not divorced.
- Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
- **56.** Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2004?
- Are you an orphan, or are you or were you (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court?
- **58.** Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Answer "No" (you are not a veteran) if you (1) have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, (2) are currently an ROTC student, a cadet or midshipman at a service academy, or (3) are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated only for training. Also answer "No" if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2004.

Answer "Yes" (you are a veteran) if you (1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) or as a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty for purposes other than training, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and (2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable. Also answer "Yes" if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2004.

Step Four

Parental Information

Complete this step if you answered "No" to all questions in Step Three.

You may also be required to complete Step Four if you are a graduate health profession student.

Who is considered a parent in Step Four?

Read these notes to determine who is considered a parent on this form. Grandparents and legal guardians are not parents. **Answer all questions in Step Four about them**, even if you do not live with them.

If your parents are both living and married to each other, answer the questions about them.

If your parent is widowed or single, answer the questions about that parent. If your widowed parent has remarried as of today, answer the questions about that parent **and** the person whom your parent married (your stepparent).

If your parents have divorced or separated, answer the questions about the parent you lived with more during the past 12 months. (If you did not live with one parent more than with the other, give answers about the parent who provided more financial support during the last 12 months, or during the most recent year

Step Four, continued...

Who is considered a parent in Step Four, continued...

that you actually were supported by a parent.) If this parent has remarried as of today, answer the questions on the rest of this form about that parent **and** the person whom your parent married (your stepparent).

- **59.** What is your parents' marital status as of today?
- **60.** What is the month and year they were married, separated, divorced, or widowed?
- **61-64.** What are your parents' Social Security Numbers and last names of the parents reporting information on this form?

If your parent does not have a Social Security Number, enter 000-00-0000

- **65.** How many people are in your parents' household? Include only:
 - your parents and yourself, even if you don't live with your parents, and
 - your parents' other children, if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 or (b) the children could answer "No" to every question in Step Three, and
 - other people if they now live with your parents, and your parents provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
- How many in question 64 (**exclude your parents**) will be college students between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004?

Always count yourself as a college student. **Do not include your parents.** Include others only if they will attend at least half time in 2003-2004 a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

- **71.** For 2002, have your parents completed their income tax return?
- **72.** What income tax return did your parents file or will they file for 2002?

If they filed or will file a foreign tax return, or a tax return with Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau, use the information from that return to fill out this form. If they filed a foreign return, convert all figures to U.S. dollars, using the exchange rate that is in effect today.

If your parents have filed or will file a 1040, were they eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ?

In general, your parents are eligible to file a 1040A or 1040EZ if they make less than \$50,000, do not itemize deductions, do not receive income from their own business or farm, and do not receive alimony. They are not eligible if they itemize deductions, receive self-employment income or alimony, or are required to file Schedule D for capital gains.

- **74.** What was your parents' adjusted gross income for 2002?

 Adjusted gross income is on IRS Form 1040–line 35; 1040A–line 21; 1040EZ–line 4; or Telefile–line I.
- **75.** Enter the total amount of your parents' income tax for 2001.

 Income tax amount is on IRS Form 1040–line 40; 1040A–line 36; 1040EZ–line 10; or Telefile–line K(2).

Step Four, continued...

76. Enter your parents' exemptions for 2002.

Exemptions are on IRS Form 1040-line 6d or on 1040A-line 6d.

For Form 1040EZ, if your parent(s) answered "Yes" on line 5, use EZ worksheet line F to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,000 equals one exemption). If your parent(s) answered "No" on line 5, enter 01 if single or 02 if married.

For Telefilers, use line J to determine the number of exemptions (\$3,000 equals one exemption).

77-78. How much did your parents earn from working in 2002? Answer this question whether or not your parents filed a tax return.

This information may be on their W-2 forms or on IRS Form 1040–lines 7 + 12 + 18; on 1040A–line 7; or on 1040EZ–line 1. Telefilers should use their W-2s.

- **79-81.** Go to pages 6 and 7 of this booklet. Turn the booklet sideways and enter all of the items that apply to your parents in the column **on the right.** Enter the totals in questions 79, 80, and 81. Even though they may have few of these items, check each line carefully.
- As of today, what is the net worth of your parents' current investments (82) and businesses and/or investment farms (83)? Do not include a farm that they live on and operate.

Net worth means current value minus debt. If net worth is one million or more, enter 999999. If net worth is negative, enter 0.

Investments include real estate (do not include the home they live in), trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, stock options, bonds, other securities, education IRAs, college savings plans, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, etc. Investment value includes the market value of these investments. Investment debt means only those debts that are related to the investments.

Investments do not include the home they live in, cash, savings, checking accounts, the value of life insurance and retirement plans (pension funds, annuities, noneducation IRAs, Keogh plans, etc.), or the value of prepaid tuition plans.

Business and/or investment farm value includes the market value of land, buildings, machinery, equipment, inventory, etc. Business and/or investment farm debt means only those debts for which the business or investment farm was used as collateral.

As of today, what is your parents' total current balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts?

Step Five

Student (and Spouse) Household

Complete this step only if you answered "Yes" to any question in Step Three.

- **85.** How many people are in your (and your spouse's) household? Include only:
 - · yourself (and your spouse, if you have one), and
 - · your children, if you provide more than half of their support, and
 - other people if they now live with you, and you provide more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

86. How many in question 84 will be college students between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004?

Always count yourself as a college student. **Do not include your parents.** Include others only if they will attend at least half time in 2003-2004 in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate.

Step Six

School Information

Review any college names and addresses preprinted on this form. If you want information to be sent to that same college in 2003-2004, you don't need to change anything. Make sure your housing plans are still correct.

If you do not want information to be sent to a college that is preprinted on this form, fill in the oval marked "Delete this school?" If you do this, you may write in a new college's federal school code. Look for the codes on the Internet at **www.fafsa.ed.gov** or at your college's website, at your college financial aid office, or at your public library. If you cannot get the federal school code, write in the new college's complete name, address, city, and state. Also fill in the oval that corresponds to your housing plans.

Please enter your e-mail address. We will use this address to correspond with you.

Step Seven

Signature and Date

100-1. Date and Signature:

You (the student) and one parent whose information is provided in Step Four must sign and date this form or the form will be returned unprocessed. Everyone signing this form is certifying that all information on the form is correct and that they are willing to provide documents to verify the accuracy of the information. **Do not sign, date, or mail this form before January 1, 2003.** Any 2003-2004 forms dated or received before January 1, 2003 will be returned unprocessed.

102-4. Preparer's information:

If this form was filled out by someone other than you, your spouse, or your parent(s), that person must complete this part. The preparer must sign and date the form, certifying that the information is correct and complete.

Information on the Privacy Act and use of your Social Security Number

We use the information that you provide on this form to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student financial aid and the amount that you are eligible to receive. Section 483 and 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, gives us the authority to ask you these questions and to collect the Social Security Numbers of you and your parents. We use your Social Security Number to verify your identity and retrieve your records, and we may request your Social Security Number again for those purposes.

State and institutional student financial aid programs may also use the information that you provide on this form to determine if you are eligible to receive state and institutional aid and the need that you have for such aid. Therefore, we will disclose the information that you provide on this form to each institution you list in questions 87–98, state agencies in your state of legal residence, and the state agencies of the states in which the colleges that you list in questions 87–98 are located.

If you are applying solely for federal aid, you must answer all of the following questions that apply to you: 1–9, 13–15, 24, 27–28, 31–32, 35, 36–40, 42–49, 52–67, 70–75, 77–86, and 100–101. If you do not answer these questions, you will not receive federal aid.

Without your consent, we may disclose information that you provide to entities under a published "routine use." Under such a routine use, we may disclose information to third parties that we have authorized to assist us in administering the above programs; to other federal agencies under computer matching programs, such as those with the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration, Selective Service System, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Veterans Administration; to your parents or spouse; and to members of Congress if you ask them to help you with student aid questions.

If the federal government, the U.S. Department of Education, or an employee of the U.S. Department of Education is involved in litigation, we may send information to the Department of Justice, or a court or adjudicative body, if the disclosure is related to financial aid and certain conditions are met. In addition, we may send your information to a foreign, federal, state, or local enforcement agency if the information that you submitted indicates a violation or potential violation of law, for which that agency has jurisdiction for investigation or prosecution. Finally, we may send information regarding a claim that is determined to be valid and overdue to a consumer reporting agency. This information includes identifiers from the record; the amount, status, and history of the claim; and the program under which the claim arose.

State Certification

By submitting this application, you are giving your state financial aid agency permission to verify any statement on this form and to obtain income tax information for all persons required to report income on this form.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 says that no one is required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number, which for this form is 1845-0001. The time required to complete this form is estimated to be from 20 to 30 minutes, including time to review instructions, search data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have comments about this estimate or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington DC 20202-4651.

We may request additional information from you to ensure efficient application processing operations. We will collect this additional information only as needed and on a voluntary basis.